

# STRIPS & PIECES



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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 9:30 A.M at the Presbyterian Church, 4 Church Road, Bedford.

**Bring** completed FIT quilts/tops, coffee mug, fat quarter(s) for the fat - quarter raffle, Show-and-Tell, \$ to buy raffle tickets, quilting supplies. Check the Hospitality column on page 2—Is this your month to bring snacks?

## Next Board Meeting

Not yet scheduled

## About Our Logo

Our organization's logo, the Friendship Star, uses blue to represent sky and water, green for trees and land, and a solid block of gray to represent granite.

The block was made by Pam Mikkola.

Logo photograph is courtesy of Hanni Gartland.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOIS TOURANGEAU

As we move forward as a Guild, we will, hopefully, learn from our mistakes. If something happens that we don't pick up on, I urge you to contact a board member to discuss your concerns. We can't "fix it" if we don't know that it's broke! So ----- what did we learn from the last Guild meeting? About 1/2 of those of you who attended had signed up for the workshop with Miho - and that left the remainder of the group with nothing to do. You deserve an apology, and the knowledge that, from now on, we will only plan programs that are inclusive of the Guild as a whole. Any workshops that are given by outside teachers will be scheduled at a time that does not conflict with Guild meetings.

On a lighter note, take a look at the upcoming programs that have been planned for us. The next two meetings will give us a chance to practice quilting from beginning to end, and will be a perfect chance to learn and to share

skills. We will not have business meetings in July and August, as we will be working on items for the boutique for next fall. If any of you want to have a group meet somewhere to work on a special project or interest, please do so. As we get to know each other better, we will find kindred spirits who like to do the same things - hand applique and hand quilting, to name just a couple. Then we can plan to have Bees that work on their own.

Those of us who did take Miho's class were intrigued by her art. She indicated that she would be willing to do a class that would be a continuation of what she taught us - planned at a time separate from the Guild meeting, of course!! If there is enough interest, Pam can look into scheduling it.

Enough of this - I gotta get sewing!!

Blessed Be, Lois

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the May meeting, we will elect officers for the coming year. The present officers have agreed to serve next year. They were nominated at the April meeting, with no nominations from the floor.

## NEW BYLAWS

At the April meeting, members voted to adopt the proposed Guild Bylaws with no changes. The Bylaws, as approved, are printed in the March issue of *Strips and Pieces*. They will soon be posted to the Guild web site.

## HOSPITALITY

DEBORAH TETLOW

The Guild provides coffee, tea, and juice at the regular Guild meetings. Bringing your own coffee mug will help YOU find your cup of coffee, and save BFQG \$\$.

Guild members volunteer to bring snacks. Marjie St Jean and Evelyn Bonnin will provide the refreshments for our May meeting.

Sign up with Debby to bring refreshments to the summer meetings—June, July and August.

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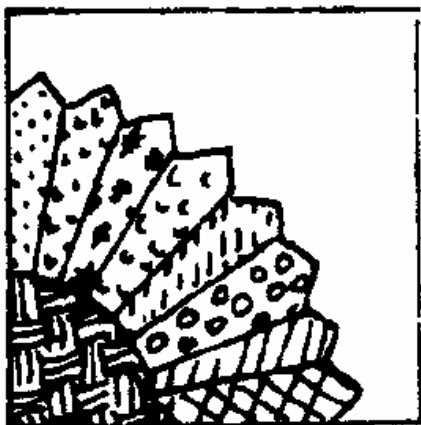
## MEMBERSHIP

DOTTIE WILLIAMS

If your address, phone number, or email address changes, please inform Dottie.

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## SAMPLER BLOCK #4—DRESDEN FAN



## PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

PAM MIKKOLA

### MAY 16, 2006

As we had a great response to our Warm Wishes quilt at the March meeting, we will make the quilt at the May Guild meeting. Gather up your rotary cutter, mat and rulers, sewing machine, neutral thread and sewing notions - and make one of your own. Photos and fabric requirements for several sizes are on the next page; complete instructions are on the QuiltMaker web site.

Get started on one for your family or make a smaller version for a child at Families in Transition. If you have not yet selected the fabrics and would like some assistance, take the photos and fabric requirements to your favorite quilt shop and ask for suggestions.

Pam will provide instructions and templates for the May Sampler Block, Dresden Plate.

If you choose not to make a Warm Wishes quilt and would like to help tie 6 Crazy-Nine-Patch quilts for FIT, all the materials and tools will be supplied—you need bring nothing..

### JUNE 20, 2006

Our June meeting will be a skill-building workshop where new quilters will be able to work on quilt-making techniques by making small quilts. "Seasoned" quilters can polish their current skills or learn a new technique as well as help our newbies. Carrying on the tradition of quilt making is part of who we are.

If you wish to come and work on your own projects, that works as well.

### JULY 18 AND AUGUST 15, 2006

The July and August meetings will be old fashioned quilting bees. The emphasis will be on preparing boutique items for our boutique this fall. If you prefer, bring one of your own projects (It's a great time to get help) or work on a charity quilt.

As always, you are welcome to come just for tea and cookies and a chat as well as to get inspired. Show and Tell is always a must.

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## JULY 12 QUILT RETREAT

PAM MIKKOLA

To keep us excited about quilting through the summer, we are going to have a little retreat at The Quilt Patch. It will take place on July 12 from 10:00 - 4:00 at a cost of \$35.00 plus the price of a kit of \$35.00. The Coventry Cottage wall quilt is on display at The Quilt Patch. Space is limited, so please contact Pam to reserve your spot ASAP. Some pre-workshop cutting is necessary so that we can get lots accomplished on July 12. Come and join us for a fun day of quilting and friendship.

# WARM WISHES QUILTS

FROM [www.quiltmaker.com/patterns](http://www.quiltmaker.com/patterns)

(At the web site, click 'R-Z' under "Free Patterns". Scroll down and click on one of the "Warm Wishes" quilts.)

Warm Wishes bed quilt



Warm Wishes crib quilt



Making this quilt is fast and easy. We've also included yardage for 4 quilts—you get more for less (overall!) and you can cut 4 crib-size battings from one queen-size batt.

## Easy

### QUILT SIZE:

Long Double Comforter (shown)	Twin Comforter
82½" x 93½"	67½" x 89½"

<b>YARDAGE: (44" fabric)</b>		
Gold Multiprint.....	2¾ yards.....	1¾ yards
border 2 strips★ sides	2 at 2½" x 92"	none for this size
top/bottom	2 at 2½" x 85"	none for this size
strips for bands	17 at 3" x 37"	14 at 3" x 40"
Cream/Red Multiprint.....	3⅝ yards †.....	2½ yards †
	98 A	83 A
Red Print.....	1¾ yards.....	1½ yards
double-fold binding	10 at 2¼" x 39"	9 at 2¼" x 39"
strips for bands	17 at 2" x 37"	14 at 2" x 40"
Black Multiprint.....	2⅝ yards.....	2⅝ yards
border 1 strips★ sides	2 at 4" x 85"	2 at 4" x 85"
top/bottom	2 at 4" x 81"	2 at 4" x 70"
strips for bands	17 at 2" x 37"	14 at 2" x 40"
Lining.....	7¾ yards.....	5¾ yards
panels	3 at 34" x 87"	2 at 37" x 94"
Batting.....	87" x 98".....	72" x 94"

★ An extra 2" has been added to the length for insurance.  
 † If you want to selectively cut motifs from the print, you'll need more fabric. Count the number of usable images in a yard and divide 98 [83] by that number.

## Easy

### QUILT SIZE:

Crib Quilt (shown)	4 Crib Quilts
38½" x 49½"	38½" x 49½"

### BLOCK SIZE: 5½"

### YARDAGE: (44" fabric)

<b>Multiprint.....</b>	<b>1¼ yards.....</b>	<b>4 yards</b>
	32 A	128 A
<b>Dark Red Print.....</b>	<b>½ yard.....</b>	<b>1¾ yards</b>
	31 B	124 B
<b>Medium Blue Print.....</b>	<b>½ yard.....</b>	<b>1¾ yards</b>
	31 B	124 B
<b>Light Yellow Print.....</b>	<b>⅝ yard.....</b>	<b>2 yards</b>
	31 C	124 C
<b>Binding.....</b>	<b>½ yard.....</b>	<b>1½ yards</b>
double-fold binding	5 at 2½" x 40"	20 at 2½" x 40"
<b>Lining.....</b>	<b>1⅝ yards.....</b>	<b>6¼ yards</b>
panels	1 at 42" x 53"	4 at 42" x 53"
<b>Batting*.....</b>	<b>42" x 53".....</b>	<b>4 at 42" x 53"</b>

**SUPPLIES:** thread or yarn for tying.

For the technique explained in the tip "Strip-Piecing Shortcut," do not cut the B and C patches shown in colored type.

\* A queen-size batt (90" x 108") can be cut in half horizontally and vertically to make the battings for 4 crib quilts.

## QUILT SHOWS 2006

**May 19-20, 9 AM—5 PM**

### Souhegan Valley Quilters Guild

Messiah Lutheran Church  
303 Route 101, Amherst, NH  
Admission \$5

**August 3-6; Open 10 AM**

### Lowell Quilt Festival

Tsongas Arena  
Lowell, MA  
Admission \$10 for all 3 venues  
Group rates available  
Web: <http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org/>

## FAT-QUARTER DRAWINGS

Bring fat-quarters and get a chance to win some!

Fabric themes for the coming months are:

<b>May</b>	Floral
<b>June</b>	Red, White, & Blue
<b>July</b>	Ocean/Shore
<b>August</b>	Autumn Colors
<b>September</b>	Halloween
<b>October</b>	Thanksgiving
<b>November</b>	Christmas/Holiday

## BUY "LOVE OF QUILTING" AND SUPPORT THE GUILD

Lois has extended the deadline to place your order for Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting* magazine. A one-year subscription costs \$20, but the Guild sends only half that amount to Fons and Porter. Therefore, with your subscription, you are contributing \$10 to the Guild. If you are interested, please contact Lois.

### Bedford Friendship Quilt Guild Board Members

President	Lois Tourangeau	424-0417
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## NEWSLETTER

KATHLEEN BEACH

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Please submit all information for the next newsletter by **Tuesday, June 6.**

*Strips and Pieces* will not be published in July or August.

The newsletter is published on our web site, [www.BFQG.org](http://www.BFQG.org), and you receive an email notice each month when it has been posted—provided

your email address is in the Guild's Yahoo Group. Be sure the Membership Chair has your current email address.

Guild dues do not include costs to print and mail the newsletter. If you wish to receive the newsletter by mail, provide stamped self-addressed envelopes.

## GET READY TO ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AT THE JUNE MEETING

### RITA SODERBERG

Just a reminder that the Guild’s June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a workshop to launch our efforts to produce quilt tops for FIT over the summer. If inexperience has made you reluctant to jump in, there will be step-by-step guidance from cutting to assembling. The quilt tops will be simple and probably finished by the end of the meeting. Experienced quilters....we need you as well!

consider donating 2 half-yard cuts of fabric that is “kid-focused”.

Please bring your own rotary cutter, ruler(s), cutting mat, scissors, pins, seam ripper, and sewing machine if possible. (Please bring an extension cord and surge protector if you’re bringing your machine.) Several ironing boards and irons would be helpful.

The donated fabrics from P & B Textiles have arrived and will be available, as well as flannel fabrics donated by Pam Mikkola. In addition, you are encouraged to

Group projects are fun, so gather your tools, roll up your sleeves and get ready to sew!

FIT QUILT SIZE GUIDELINES				
Ages	Infant - 3 years	4 - 8 years	9 - 12 years	13 years and up
Width (inches)	36	36-40	40	40
Length	45	45-50	60	60
Fabric	Unisex Age and gender specific			

### Minutes - April 18th, 2006

#### Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church

#### 1. Opening

- Meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.
- Presiding officer: Lois Tourangeau
- Lois welcomed the group
- Minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were accepted
- Attendance – 18 members + 2 guests

#### 2. Business Meeting

- By-Laws – presented and adopted
- Nominations – none heard from the floor, the current officers agree to serve a second year
- Sunshine – Diane Trottier reported Warm Wishes were sent to Winnie Hoenig and Barb Kuenzig
- Post Office Box – Lois reported a box has been rented at the Village Shops for Guild use – the address is:

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 176 Route 101 – Unit B3  
 Bedford, NH 03110

- Treasurers Report – the Guild currently has \$535.47 in our account
- Community Service
- Thank you letter from FIT was read

Plaque from CONFR that was awarded to Friendship Quilters for the 300+ quilts donated to FIT

- Guests – three recognized (one joined)
- Phone Tree –Winnie Hoenig will contact members who do not have email

### 3. Items for Information

- Cotton Batting – Jane Sedrick reported she has access to batting at wholesale prices at Fairfield Cotton
- Denim Shirts – shirts with the Guild Logo are available for \$30 (\$5 going to the Guild) – order forms will be available at the May meeting
- Boutique items donated were shown
- Sign up for Fons & Porter Quilt Magazine are still available (\$10 of the \$20 subscription going to the Guild)
- Show & Tell  
Barb Kuenzig – Quilted Bear  
Diana Trottier – Wool Appliqué  
Norma Miville – Batik
- Fat Quarter raffle was held  
Bev and Rita won the Fat Quarters

### 4. Time of Adjournment

10:10 a.m. for lecture & workshop by Miho Takahushi

### 5. Date and time of next meeting

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Bedford Presbyterian Church

Some of the fabrics P&B textiles sent to BFQG for use in charity quilts. (We received about 100 yards of fabric.)



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